

Dear Friend:

Welcome to the 2000 National Crime Victims Rights Week Resource Guide, published by the Victims' Assistance Legal Organization, Inc. (VALOR) and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the official commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWR), a time-honored tradition observed by crime victims and those who serve them in the United States. The 2000 Guide is designed to help victim service providers plan and implement public awareness activities to commemorate this special week.

The theme for 2000 NCVWR is Victims' Rights: Dare to Dream. This year's graphic artwork is designed to convey the power and essence of the common dream we in the victims' rights discipline have dared to dream over the course of the last three decades—a dream that victims of crime have access to the legal rights and services to which they are entitled, a dream that “justice for all” includes true justice for all victims of crime. This theme is reflected in all the Resource Guide components which can be utilized throughout the year in public education and community outreach efforts.

The contents of the 2000 Guide include the following components: public education and community awareness materials; information about electronic resources available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service; a comprehensive website listing; resources for the news media to help promote NCVWR;

statistical overviews that address 17 topics relevant to crime and victimization; a listing of toll-free information and referral numbers for victim assistance; and camera-ready artwork for posters, bookmarks, buttons, cover/title page for NCVWR material, and NCVWR letterhead.

Victim advocates and allied professionals should take a few moments to review the following information regarding the organization of the 2000 NCVWR Resource Guide. All contents are organized within the following 8 main topics as they appear within your 2000 Resource Guide folder (from top left to bottom right):

## **1. STATISTICAL OVERVIEWS AND RESOURCES**

- Statistical Overviews
  - Child Abuse and Victimization
  - Cost of Crime
  - Crime and Education
  - Crime and Victimization
  - Domestic Violence
  - Drunk Driving
  - Economic Crime
  - Elder Abuse and Neglect
  - Hate and Bias Crime
  - Homicide
  - Juvenile Crime and Victimization
  - Rape and Sexual Assault
  - Sentencing
  - Stalking
  - Substance Abuse and Crime
  - Victims With Disabilities
  - Workplace Violence and Crime
- Accessing Information: OVC Resource Center and Other Services
- NCVWR Resource Guide Co-Sponsors
- Resource Guide Evaluation

## **2. SAMPLE PROCLAMATION**

### **3. WORKING WITH THE MEDIA**

- Sample Press Release
- Sample Public Service Announcements
- Sample Opinion/Editorial Column

### **4. TWENTY TIPS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

### **5. CAMERA-READY ARTWORK**

- Poster
- Buttons
- Bookmarks
- Logos
- NCVWR Letterhead
- Cover/Title Page
- Certificate of Appreciation
- National Toll-free Information and Referral Telephone Numbers
- Crime Victim Resources Brochure

### **6. LANDMARKS IN VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND SERVICES**

- Crime Victims' Rights in America: An Historical Overview
- Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendments

### **7. MAXIMIZING COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS**

- Sample Speech
- Notable Quotables
- Sample Sermon

### **8. OVERVIEW OF RESOURCE GUIDE**

You will find more detailed information and tips about the specific content and suggested uses for each of the individual contents of the Guide on the cover page of each section. These tips provide useful ideas for utilizing these valuable resources to ensure the best implementation of the 2000 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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